

Terms of Reference

To review and scrutinise, in accordance with Regulations under Section 7 of The Health and Social Act 2001 and the Secretary of State for Health's Direction of 17 July 2003, matters relating to the substantial developments or variations in NHS services, including consideration of the NHS' wider proposals such as the Patients' Choice agenda and other contextual issues, across the whole of the area of the Harrow, Brent and Ealing Social Services Authorities, with particular reference to the proposed 'Better Care Without Delay – Improving Local and National Healthcare in Harrow and North Brent'

The Joint Committee is established as a standing committee for an initial period of six months that thereafter, the Committee may wish to reconvene on a six monthly basis to review progress of the redevelopment after which a decision will be made about the necessity for it to continue.

Initially it is suggested that there will be eight large projects / areas for the Committee to consider with additional areas for review identified as the Committee's work progresses.

These projects will largely direct the work programme of the committee. It is suggested that they are;

- **Detailed information on the proposed model of care.** This may involve the Committee receiving detailed information surrounding care pathways for patients, specific case studies on how experiences will change for residents, information on the risks identified by the Trust and how they are being managed.
- **Perspectives from within the Hospital.** This may include receiving perspectives from employees (i.e. Doctors, Nurses, specialists) on the proposed model. This may also include reviewing the experiences of previous hospitals who have undergone similar redevelopments (i.e. BECAD)
- **Impact on Social Care.** This may include reviewing the flow on of the model into the community and social care sectors.
- **Financial Impacts.** This may include reviewing how the project is to be funded as well as reviewing the impact of current health financing issues.
- **Patient and Public Experience.** This may include meeting with PPI forums, resident groups and voluntary groups for perspectives on the change.
- **Transport and access issues.** The committee may wish to review issues of transport and access to the hospital, only in terms of how these issues relate to the patient's experience.

- **General Issues.** The committee may wish to schedule time to consider general issues which cannot be grouped into a specific heading.
- **NHS Feedback.** In the interests of maintaining an open dialogue with the Trust, the committee may wish to consider including in its scheduling two meetings where the NHS are able to attend to receive feedback on issues and the direction of the committee.

Work Plan

Date of meeting	Agenda Items	Officer/ Borough Responsible
29 June 2005 (Harrow)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive independent evidence on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The viability of the model - The implications for the redevelopment proposals of the Government's broader health agenda (<i>Department of Health/Centre for Public Scrutiny advice and support being sought</i>) • To consider gaps in the information provided and identify any further work 	
11 July 2005 (Harrow)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 'pros and cons' panel to hear views of a range of stakeholders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NHS professionals - Social Care professionals - Voluntary sector - Carers • To consider gaps in the information provided and identify any further work • To plan further meetings and work programme 	
26 July 2005 (Brent)	<i>Same as 11 July, for Brent stakeholders</i>	